

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*As we progress ... our hearts will be enlarged,
and we shall run with unspeakable sweetness of love.*

Rule of St Benedict, Prologue



Third Sunday of Easter

14 and 15 April 2018

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him
from the dead.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9
Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 2:1-5
*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes
away our sins and those of the whole world.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 24:35-48
*It was written that the Christ would suffer
and on the third day rise from the dead.*

Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am

Weekday Mass

Daily at Monastery Chapel 7:00am
Wednesday at Parish Church 9:30am

Special Masses at the Parish

Monthly Mass

1st Friday of the month 7:00pm

Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm

Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month 9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word invites all children
to attend during 9:00am Mass.

Baptisms are celebrated at 11.00am on
the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.
Please see Father Bernard.

Reconciliation is on every Friday evening
at the Parish Church from 7.00pm to
7.45pm and available by appointment.

For the sick who require a priest, please
call Father Bernard.

Marriages by appointment, please see
Father Bernard.

Funerals to be arranged through
Father Bernard.

Liturgy of the Hours

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel at the following times:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6pm	Evening prayer
8pm	Night prayer

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Dan Feiten

Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all,
the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
the blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground
will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
was gathered and was grown,
So may the church of God
be gathered into one.

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Gaudete et Exsultate - Rejoice and be Glad

the Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. Pope Francis

The newly released Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, (*Rejoice and be Glad*) presents to us the call to holiness as a personal call for all Christians, and how we can respond in a practical way in our own times.

Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on living the Beatitudes, which he calls “a Christian’s identity card”; and helps us to see the signs of holiness in today’s world through perseverance, patience and meekness, joy and a sense of humour; boldness and passion; in community; and in constant prayer.

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

ALPHA



starting with an introductory talk after morning tea on **Sunday, 6 May.**

Come and see!

Followed by Monday nights from 6.30 -8.30pm for dinner, a talk and group discussion

7, 14, 21 and 28 May
4, 11, 18 and 25 June, 2 July.

An **ATTENDANCE SHEET** and **MEAL ROSTER** will be placed in the foyer of the church - please complete if you would like to attend OR can assist with a meal.

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Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. This gathering of all the local churches or dioceses of the nation will invite us to reflect on the question:

“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?”

The official launch of the Plenary Council will be at Pentecost this year, 20 May. Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au and in the April *Broken Bay News*.

Through its listening and dialogue sessions, the Plenary Council will give all people the opportunity to say what is on their mind and in their heart.

Vatican Astronomer Br Guy Consolmagno SJ: The Diocese of Broken Bay welcomes Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, for a series of presentations in April exploring the fascinating topic of faith and science. Be enriched by this stimulating conversation. Saturday, 28 April “In Awe of the Universe: Connecting Science and Faith” 10am-12.30pm, The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara www.trybooking.com/UCJJ and Monday, 30 April “Looking Up at the Stars: We’re all Connected” 7-9.30pm, Tuggerah www.trybooking.com/UCJL . RSVP essential by 20 April. Enquiries faith.formation@dbb.org.au

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome into God’s family ~ all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi, Rita (Lorraine Dailey’s sister), Howard Batchelor & Sr Monica.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please see Father Bernard if you are interested in assisting as an Eucharistic minister.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME The programme will resume in May for preparation before First Eucharist:

Session 1 7 May Session 2 14 May
Session 3 21 May Session 4 28 May

First Eucharist will take place during the 9am mass on **Sunday, 3 June**, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Information regarding the next sacramental programme will be available in May.

The **ARCADIA VINNIES CONFERENCE** are planning an outreach to an Aboriginal community in country NSW and need your help! We are requesting that you hang on to any clothing and bedding which you might want to donate to a clothing bin, and we will take it to a needy community. We will shortly advise where you can bring any donations. This will be similar to the Brewarrina Project of recent years. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

THE FATHER FACTOR Addressing the important role of fathers in society, providing practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering.

Date Tuesday, 8 May

Time 7.30pm- 9.30pm

Venue The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

Further Dates Wednesday 9 May, Chatswood and Thursday 10 May Kincumber

RSVP faith.formation@dbb.org.au
Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE

Conversations with the Wisdom of Benedictine Women.

Date Friday evening 18 May–Sunday 20 May

Cost \$300. Bookings by Friday 11 May p.8752 5390

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Venue 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

Next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting
Tuesday, 1 May

CATECHIST NEWS A very humorous Combined Scripture was enjoyed by all as we thought about some good and not so good swappings, with the serious message of how Jesus gave (swapped) his life for us to set us right with God. Thanks to Matt King for his insights.

Wishing all a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Term 2 resumes Tuesday, 1 May.

God bless, Miriam Brown
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator 9652 0558

NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

“Forming Missionary Disciples”

Date Tuesday, 1 May 9.30am-4.30pm

Venue Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe

Cost \$65

To register visit trybooking.com/twad

Enquiries tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN SAYING YES TO GOD’S WILL

Date Saturday 12 May

Venue Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2,
423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

RSVP Thursday 10 May

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CATHOLIC YOUTH—TWILIGHT TALKS

Did God create the Universe, or was there a Big Bang? Find out why we say ‘yes’ to both and how the glory of the Maker of the Stars can be found in understanding the science behind how he did it.

Date Tuesday, 24 April 6.30pm-9pm

Venue Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd,
Pennant Hills

RSVP: youth@dbb.org.au

MEETINGS this week

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Tuesday	7.30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

For those who have responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any
economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for April

Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 21 & 22 April 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Mary Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R2	Teresa Gambino	Jo Anne Mathyi
P	Miriam Brown	Peter Goodwin
AS		
EM	Angela Scotti	Trish Shipley
EM	Margaret Bensley	Liliana Nati
EM		Bernadette Watt
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Mark Quirk
M		Keith & Liz
M		Melanie
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Rosie Sakkal
CT		Lorraine & Margaret
WEL		Peter & Jessie

PLAYGROUP resumes Monday 7 May

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All carers and children welcome!

Gospel reading for Next Week

4th Sunday of Easter

Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life
for this sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the
sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

*We are all called to be holy by living our lives with
love and by bearing witness in everything we do,
wherever we find ourselves.*

Pope Francis

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*For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on
0416 081 882. All information will be well received.*